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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER ON F-5'S

REF: MEXICO 04165

1. IN ABSENCE OF ANY ACTION BY MEXICAN EMBASSY HERE TO
RESCIND DECEMBER NOTE ON F-5'S, COUNTRY DIRECTOR INFORMED
AMBASSADOR MARGAIN MARCH 20 THAT WE INTENDED TO TAKE NO
FURTHER ACTION ON THE NOTE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OUR
AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO CITY HAD BEEN INFORMED AT THE BEGIN
QUOTE HIGHEST LEVELS END QUOTE THAT GOM NO LONGER WISHES TO
PURSUE THE F-5 REQUEST. MARGAIN COMMENTED THAT SUCH STATE
-MENTS, AS HE HAD NOTED PREVIOUSLY, MAY HAVE BEEN A TACTIC
FOR TRANQUILIZING THE OPPONENTS OF THE PURCHASE WITHIN
MEXICO. HE ADDED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK A LETTER
OF OFFER WERE QUITE CLEAR AND, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, WERE STILL
IN EFFECT.

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2. COUNTRY DIRECTOR REEMPHASIZED THAT SINCE WE HAD IT ON
AUTHORITY OF FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL HIMSELF THAT PREVIOUS
INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PLANE PURCHASE MAY NO LONGER BE VALID,
WE PROPOSED TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON THE MEXICAN NOTE
PENDING THE EMBASSY'S RECONFIRMATION OF IT. MARGAIN SAID
HE WOULD CONSULT WITH MEXICO CITY AND LET US KNOW.

3. MARGAIN SPOKE AGAIN BRIEFLY TO COUNTRY DIRECTR
FOLLOWING DAY (MARCH 21) AT BENITO JUAREZ COMMSRATING
CEREMONY, SAYING THAT HE HAD CONFERRED TELEPHONICALLY WITH
DE OLLOQUI ON THE F-5 INSTRUCTIONS. DE OLLOQUI HAD
INITIALLY RECONFIRMED THAT INSTRUCTIONS STOOD, BUT AFTER
CALLING ROEL HE HAD CALLED BACK TO MARGAIN TO SAY THAT NO
FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL ROEL RETURNS FROM
VACATION ON OR ABOUT MARCH 27. TO COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S
QUERY, MARGAIN SAID HE BELIEVED THAT DE OLLOQUI HAD BEEN
THE ACTION OFFICER ALL ALONG ON THE F-5 PURCHASE INSTRUC-
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